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## THE 4TH MILITARY DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND DISTRICT LABORATORY IN WROCLAW

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A. THE 4TH MILITARY DISTRICT HOSPITAL <sup>1</sup>1. Location

For [ ] location and detail layout of this hospital see Annex A and Annex B.<sup>2</sup> This hospital was situated in the southern part of the city in the Krzyki III district in WROCLAW. It was located north of Ulica Pultuska, east of Ulica Slezna and south of Ulica Czarska.

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2. Subordination

The 4th Military District Hospital was subordinate to the Chief of Medical Service of the Silesian Military District in WROCLAW. The assignment of the officers, [ ] to this hospital was controlled by the Headquarters Silesian Military District.<sup>3</sup>

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3. Mission

Mission of this hospital was to care for the welfare and specialized treatment of the military and their dependents stationed within the Silesian Military District area. [ ]

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[ ] patients received here from other [ ] Regional Military Hospitals [ ] for further hospitalization.<sup>4</sup>

The mission of this hospital was to be extended in the near future. to care for the hospitalization and treatment of the military reservists. [ ] the plans and procedures were being prepared by the hospital staff in 1956 upon recommendations from the Silesian Military District Headquarters. This plan was to include reserve officers and reserve enlisted men alike. [ ]

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4. Organization

## a. Staff and Chiefs of Departments [ ]

The staff of the 4th Military District Hospital consisted of 10 ground forces officers, other than medical, 63 officer-doctors and one female captain Chief Nurse, name unknown. The hospital was commanded by a colonel-doctor and was

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assisted by four deputy commanders, each of whom was on the same level of command line in his respective field.

b. The Names and Duties of the Staff Officers

Commander - Col (Doctor) LESZCZYNSKI, (fnu), medical service branch.

Deputy CO for Political Matters - Capt GAJOS, (fnu), a political officer who was responsible for the political indoctrination and education of troops. He was second in command in matters other than medical and was subordinate directly to Col MICHALSKI, (fnu), the Deputy Commander for Political Matters, Silesian Military District, on all political subjects. This officer was assisted by:

Secretary of POP - Capt Emil PEKALA, a political officer who maintained records of the Basic Party Organization members of the hospital staff only.

Propaganda Instructor - Capt LESNIAK, (fnu), a political officer who was responsible for lectures, procurement of literature, films and training aids.

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Deputy CO for Medical Matters - Col (Doctor) SZAFARZ, (fnu), medical service branch officer. Was second in command in medical matters, he was also treatment specialist and was responsible for the following departments:

Internal Medicine Department - Chief Col (Doctor) GLOWACKI, (fnu), who was assisted by five unknown officers.

Surgical Department - Chief Col (Doctor) MOKRZYSKI, (fnu), who was assisted by seven unknown doctors.

Contagious Diseases Department - Chief Lt Col (Doctor) WISNIEWSKI, (fnu), who was assisted by five unknown officers.

Tubercular Department - Chief Lt Col (Doctor) BIALAS, (fnu) who was assisted by two unknown doctors.

Skin and Venereal Diseases Department - Lt Col ROZWADOWSKI, (fnu), assisted by three unknown officers.

Eye Clinic - Chief Col MASLARZ, (fnu), assisted by two officers.

Nerve Diseases Department - Chief Maj CZARNIAK, (fnu), who was assisted by three unknown officers.

Neurology Department - Chief Col WROBLEWSKI, (fnu) assisted by four unknown officers.

Dental Clinic - Chief Maj CZAJECKI, (fnu), assisted by six officers including four unidentified civilian dentists.

Pediatric Department - Chief Maj SKOWRON, (fnu), assisted by two unknown officers.

Gynecological Department - Chief Maj ZAJACZKOWSKI, (fun), who was assisted by two unknown officers.

Obstetrical Department - Chief Maj BURDZEL, (fnu), who was assisted by three unknown officers.

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Physiotherapy Department - Chief Lt Col ZEBROWSKI, (fnu), who was assisted by three unknown officers.

Pharmacy - Chief Lt Col WILK, (fnu) assisted by four unknown officers.

Deputy CO for Organizational Matters - Capt DUDEK, (fnu), infantry branch officer. [redacted] Zastepca do spraw organizacyjnych. He had functions similar to that of the chief of staff and was responsible for all military and medical records. [redacted] patient detachment commander, [redacted] Res- ponsible for the receiving office and operation of the secret documents office.

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Secret Documents Officer - 1st Lt MUSIAL, (fnu), an infantry branch officer, subordinate to the Deputy CO for Organizational matters. He was responsible for operation of the Secret Documents Office, security of documents and their registry. No further information.

Quartermaster - Capt BACHRYJ, (fnu), a QM branch officer. He was responsible directly to the commander for transportation and supply matters. [redacted]

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The quartermaster was assisted in his functions by an administration and supply platoon, strength unknown, and by:

Motor Transport Officer - Capt BONIAREK, (fnu), a transportation branch officer who was in charge of the hospital motor pool; subordinate to the quartermaster.

Clothing Officer - Maj LOBOS, (fnu), a QM branch officer, was responsible for procurement and issue of military clothing items including pajamas, bathrobes, and toilet articles. He was also responsible for the storage of patients clothing. [redacted]

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Rations Officer - 1st Lt BEDNAREK, (fnu), a QM branch officer. he was responsible for procurement and issue of class I supplies. [redacted] special diet rations were also used [redacted]

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##### 5. Strength and Capacity

[redacted] estimated strength of the cadre staff officers assigned to the 4th Military District Hospital [redacted] were as follows: 10 army officers, including four political branch, four quartermaster branch and two infantry branch officers; 60 army doctors, three felczers, one each in the surgical, contagious and receiving departments and one female captain who was the chief nurse. The above staff was supported by an administration and supply platoon of unknown strength. There were only four civilian dentists who worked with the military. All nurses, strength unknown, were civilian females who were also registered with their respective WKR and held unidentified reserve status. An unknown number of civilian workers were also employed in the hospital as cooks, waitresses, kitchen help etc.

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[redacted] the capacity of the 4th Military District Hospital at about 300 beds [redacted]

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##### 6. Military Patients

[redacted] the patients were from units stationed in the Silesian Military District area.

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**a. Receiving of Patients**

All patients were received at the hospital upon recommendation of their unit medical authority (usually the dispensary doctors) and upon transfer of a patient from the regional military hospitals for unspecified medical treatments which were available at the district military hospital only. [redacted] the patients arrived at the 4th Military District Hospital with their medical records only. The receiving department under the control of the Deputy CO for Organizational Matters, received the patient, retained his records, stored his clothing and issued pajamas and robes, and assigned the patient to the respective wards (department-oddzial).

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**b. Treatment of Patients**

[redacted] there was no difference in the medical treatment for officers and enlisted men. However, the officers were put in separate rooms of the same ward, and the enlisted men were put in separate rooms or together in larger wardrooms. All bed patients, officers and enlisted men, were served the same food and by the same personnel. The ambulatory officer-patients messed in the officers dining room while the enlisted men were fed in the cadre EM mess hall.

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[redacted] the treatment of officers and enlisted men in the military hospitals was standardized, at least in the Silesian Military District area. [redacted]

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**c. Discharge of Patients**

The military patients were discharged from the hospital directly to their parent units. [redacted]

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[redacted] some cases [redacted] officers applied for release from active duty on medical grounds [redacted] the applications were initiated through the units personnel offices. [redacted]

**B. THE DISTRICT LABORATORY****1. Location**

The District Laboratory was situated in one building within the 4th Military District Hospital compound (See Annex B, item 5 for the physical layout and description).

**2. Subordination**

[redacted] although this laboratory was located in the same compound with the 4th Military District Hospital, it was directly subordinate to the Chief of the Medical Service of the Silesian Military District. [redacted] the requests for the medical supplies for the laboratory were made separately from the 4th Military District Hospital and directly for the approval of the Chief of Medical Service, Silesian Military District.

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**3. Mission**

The District Laboratory performed all laboratory work for the 4th Military District Hospital and unspecified special laboratory work for the regional military hospitals subordinate to the Chief of Medical Service of the Silesian Military District.

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4. Organization

The District Laboratory was headed by a Col MILLER, (fnu), a medical branch officer, who was assisted by seven unidentified medical officers including one first lieutenant female laboratory technician.

In addition to the military personnel, mentioned above, there was an unknown number of civilian technicians employed at the District Laboratory.

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Comments: 1. [redacted] the numerical designation of the 4th Military District Hospital did not change when the headquarters of the 4th Military District in WROCLAW, was deactivated and replaced by the headquarters Silesian Military District, which was activated some time in 1954.

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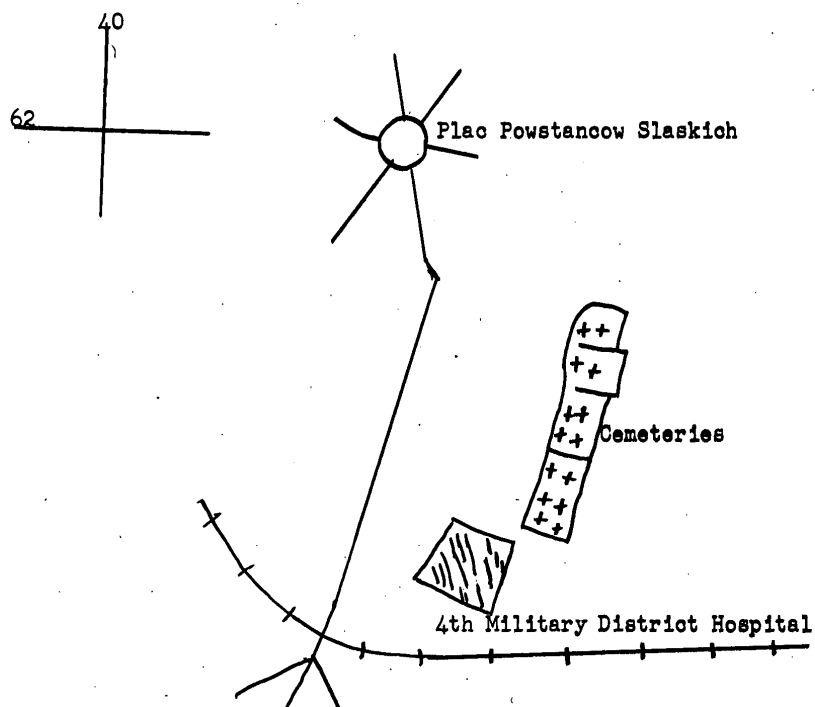
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Annex A

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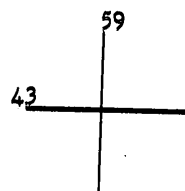
Location of the 4th Military District Hospital

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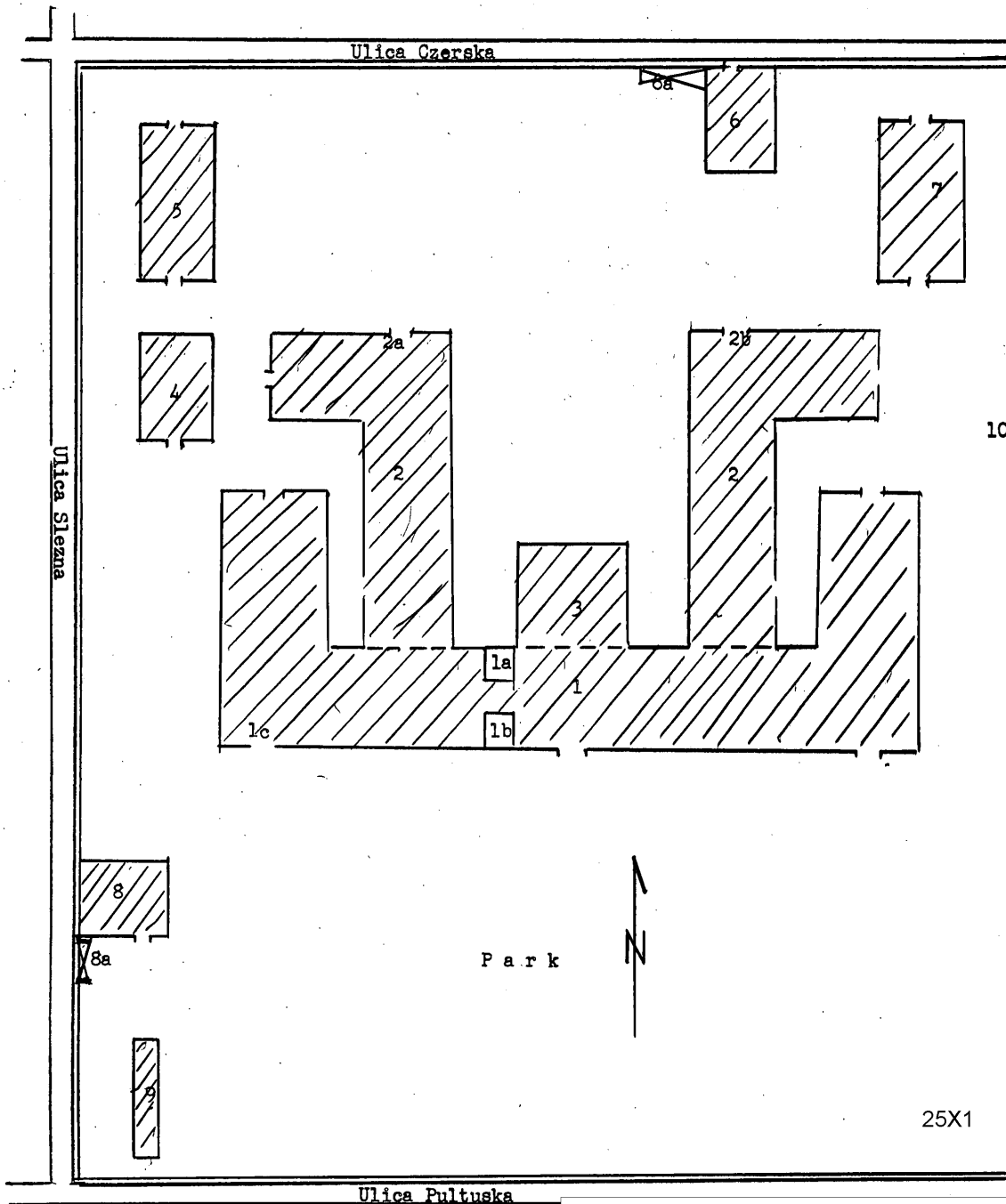
Annex B

Sketch of the 4th Military District Hospital in WROCLAW

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Legend to Annex B

1. Hospital. U-shaped, 3-story, red brick building approximately 100 x 35 x 12 m with a sheet metal covered gable roof.
  - 1a. Secret Documents Office.
  - 1b. Office - Purpose unknown.
  - 1c. Ambulance Entrance.
2. Hospital - East and West Wings, each 2-story, red brick building, each approximately 50 x 35 m.
  - 2a. West Entrance.
  - 2b. East Entrance.
3. An Annex Building. One story, red brick structure, approximately 10 x 10 m.
4. EM Billets. One story, red brick building, approximately 20 x 12 m, with a sheet metal covered gable roof. This building also housed EM mess hall.
5. District Laboratory. One story, red brick building, approximately 50 x 12 m, with a sheet metal covered gable roof.
6. Guard House and Pass Office. One story, red building, approximately 10 x 10 m, with a sheet metal covered gable roof.
  - 6a. Main gate.
7. Contagious Diseases Ward. One story, red brick building, approximately 50 x 12 m, with a sheet metal covered gable roof.
8. Guardhouse. One story, red building, approximately 10 x 10 m, with a sheet metal covered roof.
- 8a. Ambulance and Truck Entrance.
9. Dispatch Office and Motor Maintenance Shop. One story, red brick building, approximately 50 x 12 m, with a sheet metal covered gable roof.
10. Mesh wire fence, painted gray, about two meters in height.

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